

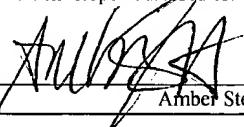


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Valente et al. Corres. and Mail  
Serial No.: 09/214,971  
Filed: January 15, 1999  
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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A COMPOSITE MATERIAL....

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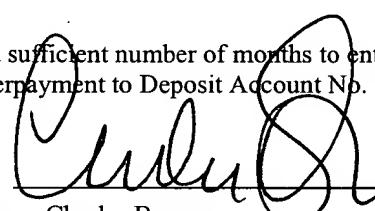
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5. (Amended) A composite material, comprising a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by [one of the following materials:  
cellulosic material;  
or] a mixture of a ~~regenerated~~ leather [regenerated] material [or a derivative thereof];  
or natural leather;  
[or cork;